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U.S. Patent No. 5,671,307;
JP 2000-206347; and
JP 2001-77756.

The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or statement is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

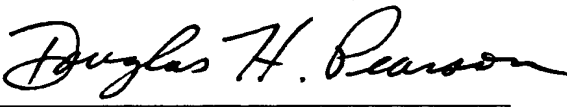
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The Examiner's attention is also directed to copending application numbers 09/891,334, 09/904,508, and 10/054,960 and filed on June 27, 2001, July 16, 2001, and January 25, 2002, respectively, copies of which are enclosed, and the documents cited therein.

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